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FOLLOWING REPEATS MOSCOW 3824 ACTION DEPT MARCH 21ST

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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS MEETING

1. AT LUNCH MARCH 20, KORNIYENKO PRESSED ME ABOUT FRENCH VIEWS CONCERNING NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE, INDICATING SOME IMPATIENCE WITH DELAY IN CONVENING CONFERENCE DUE TO FRENCH ATTITUDE. REFERRING TO U.S.-FRENCH BILATERALS ON CONFERENCE, KORNIYENKO INQUIRED ABOUT SUBSTANCE OF THESE DISCUSSIONS AND WONDERED WHETHER IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR SOVIETS TO WEIGH IN DIRECTLY WITH FRENCH.

2. I SAID I NOT INFORMED ON DETAILS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS

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WITH FRENCH. MY IMPRESSION WAS THAT TALKS SO FAR HAD BEEN

USEFUL AND THAT IT PROBABLY WOULD BE BETTER FOR CONTACT TO
CONTINUE IN THIS CHANNEL RATHER THAN TO HAVE OTHER
COUNTRIES APPROACH FRENCH AT THIS STAGE.

3. KORNIYENKO LET MATTER DROP, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE
SOVIETS IN WASHINGTON MAY RAISE QUESTION OF UTILITY
OF SOVIET APPROACH TO FRENCH.

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